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The reply filed on 6/21/04 is not fully responsive to the restriction requirement mailed 5/19/04. because of the following omission(s) or matter(s). See 37 CFR 1.111. The requirement for restriction identified claims 1 and 19 as linking claims and set forth the following groups of linked inventions: positively charged branching groups comprising the sequences:

1. Gn1Rn2 with n1 = an integer from about 0 to about 20, and n2 = an odd integer from about 5-25,
2. Gp-RGRDDRRQRRR-Gq,
3. Gp-YGRKKRRQRRR- Gq, wherein the subscripts p and q are each independently an integer of from 0 to 20, and
4. any positively charged fragment of HIV TAT that is not listed in 1, 2 or 3 above, wherein each non-identical fragment represents a patentably distinct positively charged branching group.

While Applicant elected invention 1 and the species of "ii/v", Applicant failed to elect a positively charged branching group, so the reply was not fully responsive.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner(s) should be directed to Richard Schnizer, whose telephone number is 571-272-0762. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday between the hours of 6:00 AM and 3:30. The examiner is off on alternate Fridays, but is sometimes in the office anyway.

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